(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

ASI study about Medara Community

1165. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government take the help of the Anthropological Survey of India to determine social and other aspects of any community seeking Scheduled Tribe status;

(b) whether any payment is made by Government for such studies to determine the suitability or otherwise of communities seeking Scheduled Tribe status;

(c) if so, the details of such payment made;

(d) whether Government have received a specific representation regarding an ASI study about the Medara community; and

(e) what steps Government are taking to entrust this demand to the Anthropological Survey of India?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The modalities approved by the Govt, for determining the claims for inclusion in and exclusion from the list of Scheduled Tribes envisage consultations with the State Govt, concerned, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes only for deciding tribal status of communities seeking inclusion in the list of scheduled tribes. However, in certain cases the Anthropological Survey of India is also consulted.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) Does not, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.